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Memorandum

TO: Operations Committee

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RE: Update of Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (MTC Resolution 3866)

Staff initiated an update of MTC's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan by releasing a draft plan (attached) to transit agencies on November 18th. The deadline for receiving comments is Wednesday, December 23, 2009. Staff will incorporate feedback as appropriate into the final plan for Commission approval in February 2010.

Background

The following state laws and Commission actions establish MTC's authority related to the coordination of the region's transit services:

- SB 325 (Mills), Statutes of 1971 – Authorizes MTC to adopt rules and regulations for submission of Transportation Development Act (TDA) claims and encourages operators to establish maximum coordination of public transportation services, fares, transfer privileges and all other related matters.
- SB 602 (Kopp), Statutes of 1989 – Directs MTC to adopt rules and regulations to promote fare and schedule coordination for all public transit systems within its jurisdiction, including joint fare revenue sharing agreements between connecting systems.
- SB 1474 (Kopp), Statutes of 1996 – Authorizes MTC to consolidate functions to improve efficiency of regional transit service, and improve service coordination and effectiveness in corridors of regional significance through reduction of duplicative service and institution of coordinated service across transit boundaries. Authorizes MTC to withhold State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for non-compliance.
- SB 916 (Perata), Statutes of 2003 – Requires MTC to develop a regional transit connectivity plan and requires compliance with the plan as a condition of receiving Regional Measure 2 (RM2) funds.
- MTC Programming and Allocation Authority – Enables MTC to determine whether or not to program or allocate funds consistent with Commission policy, including but not limited to STA, TDA, RM2, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transit Capital Priorities funds.

In 1998, MTC adopted its first Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (Res. 3055), including specific expectations for transit operator compliance. The Commission last amended the plan in April 2006 to incorporate the Transit Connectivity Plan by reference.

Transit Coordination Implementation Plan Provisions

The revised Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (Res. 3866) would replace Res. 3055, with the following changes:

- Supports implementation of the Transit Connectivity Plan;
- Clarifies key implementation requirements for the region's transit agencies;
- Updates the list of transit operators to include all transit agencies that receive funds subject to Commission programming or allocation actions;
- Reiterates requirement of reciprocal agreements between every connecting operator for fare revenue sharing and schedule coordination per SB 602;
- Creates policy that transit operators allow the display of regional transit information on their property free of charge;
- Updates MTC policy to apply transit coordination requirements to all funds subject to Commission programming and allocation action.

Res. 3866 describes transit operator responsibilities for the following regional projects:

1. 511 Transit Information Requirements – Specifies requirements to support the 511 Transit information service, including data sharing and storage policies for real-time transit information. This policy was developed in consultation with the 511 Transit Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Real-Time Transit Information TAC.
2. Regional Transit Hub Signage Program Requirements – Specifies standards for wayfinding signs, transit information displays and real-time transit information displays developed with the Transit Connectivity TAC. Clarifies operations and maintenance, replacement and ownership responsibilities for signs documented in Res. 3771.
3. TransLink[®] Implementation Requirements – Specifies roles and responsibilities to implement and pay for TransLink[®], establishes transition schedules from existing fare media to TransLink[®] and marketing/distribution programs.
4. Maintenance of Existing Coordination Activities – Requires transit agencies to maintain existing coordination activities not affected by adoption of the Transit Connectivity Plan.

The proposed policy would authorize the Operations Committee to amend, add, or delete projects in the future, subject to consultation with affected transit agencies.

Review Schedule

November 23	Release draft Res. 3866 for comment/Partnership Transit Coordination Committee (PTCC) Meeting
December 2, 3, 7	Transit Finance Working Group, EDAC, Partnership TAC
December 9	MTC Advisory Council
December 11	Information/discussion item for MTC Operations Committee
December 23	Deadline for receiving comments on draft Res. 3866
February 12	Approval and Referral item for MTC Operations Committee
February 24	Commission adoption of Res. 3866

This draft plan is submitted for information only at this time. The attached PowerPoint presentation summarizes key elements from the plan.

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